

I CLAIM:

1. Locking pliers including a stationary front jaw,
a stationary handle extending rearwardly from the
stationary front jaw, a movable front jaw disposed
5 below and aligned with the stationary front jaw and
pivoted to the stationary handle, a movable handle
pivoted to and extending rearwardly from the movable
front jaw, an adjusting screw rod engaging threadedly
a rear end of the stationary handle and having a rear
10 end portion that extends outwardly from the rear end
of the stationary handle, a locking lever pivoted to
the movable handle and extending rearwardly and
upwardly therefrom toward the rear end of the
stationary handle to abut against a front end of the
15 adjusting screw rod, and a biasing member
interconnecting the movable front jaw and the
stationary handle, the movable front jaw being moved
toward the stationary front jaw to clamp an object
therebetween when the movable handle and the
20 stationary handle are forcefully brought together by
an external force applied thereto, the movable front
jaw and the stationary front jaw remaining locked
until the movable handle and the stationary handle
are forcefully separated, the locking pliers being
25 characterized by:

a releasing lever pivoted to and extending
rearwardly and upwardly from the movable handle toward

the rear end portion of the adjusting screw rod, the releasing lever having a front end that is pivoted to the movable handle, a protrusion that is disposed adjacent to the front end and that abuts against the locking lever, and a rear end portion that is opposite to the front end and that is disposed below and aligned with the rear end portion of the adjusting screw rod, the rear end portion of the releasing lever having a flex wall body that defines a trough which is aligned with and which opens toward the rear end portion of the adjusting screw rod, the flex wall body having a substantially flat central portion defining a bottom side of the trough, and two opposite curved side portions flaring curvedly and upwardly from the flat central portion to define two opposite sides of the trough, the flat central portion having a width in a transverse direction relative to the length of the releasing lever, the width being larger than the diameter of the rear end portion of the adjusting screw rod.

2. The locking pliers of Claim 1, characterized in that the releasing lever has a straight portion pivoted to and extending rearwardly and upwardly from the movable handle toward the rear end portion of the adjusting screw rod, the rear end portion of the releasing lever extending and being slightly bent from the straight portion in a downward direction so as to define a shallow recess therebetween.